recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 17, 1933. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 434, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1302, Title 32, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1925, providing additional purposes for which corporations may be formed under the laws of the State of Texas."

Have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1933. Hon, Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Education, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 822, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate, ratify, approve, confirm and declare enforceable all levies and assessments of ad valorem taxes heretofore made by independent school districts in this State, not in excess of the limit now provided by law, which are void or unenforceable because the same were made and adopted by resolution, motion, or other informal action; and because of the failure of the governing body of such districts to appoint the proper and statutory board of equalization; etc., and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

NEAL, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 17, 1933. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Game and Fish, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 764, A bill to be entitled "An Act prohibiting the use of seines, nets and trawls or the possession of seines, nets or trawls in certain tidal waters of Willacy County; prescrib- | 422, Acts of the Regular Session of

ing a penalty for violation of any provision of this Act; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

REDDITT, Chairman.

FORTY-SEVENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas. March 20, 1933.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Edgar E. Witt.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Beck. Pace. Blackert. Parr. Collie. Patton. DeBerry. Poage. Duggan. Purl. Fellbaum. Rawlings. Greer. Redditt. Holbrook. Regan. Hopkins. Russek. Hornsby. Sanderford. Martin. Small. Moore. Stone. Woodruff. Murphy. Woodul. Neal. Oneal. Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Cousins.

Prayer by the Chaplain. Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Woodward.

Committee Reports.

(See Appendix.)

Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the rule relating to the introduction of general bills after the first 52 days of the session was suspended and consent was granted to introduce the following bills:

By Senator Duggan:

S. B. No. 466, A bill to be entitled "An Act extending the benefit of Senate Bill No. 184, Chapter 254, page

the Forty-second Legislature to all lands located outside of the corporate limits of cities, towns or villages within this State, validating the surveys of all lands heretofore and hereafter made and returned to the General Land Office and all valid grants by former governments; vesting the title to lands included within the lines of said surveys as returned to the General Land Office in the parties for which same were made and their heirs, successors and assigns: creating rules of evidence to protect the title to such surveys: providing, that in all cases at law or equity involving boundary, title or possession of lands wherein the location of any survey or the extent or boundaries thereof shall be in issue the corners, lines and boundaries thereof recognized and acquiesced in for a period of ten years or more prior to the date of filing of suit, shall be conclusively presumed to be the original corners, lines, and boundaries of said surveys; providing that in all cases at law or equity involving boundary, title or possession of land where there is sought to be established a vacancy between surveys the field notes and maps in use in the General Land Office at the time shall be conclusive as to the non-existence of such alleged vacancy; providing that if any part of this Act is held unconstitutional, the remaining parts shall not be affected; and declaring an emergency."

Read and referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

By Senator Hornsby:

S. B. No. 467, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Acts 1931, Forty-second Legislature, Regular Session, page 353, Chapter 210, Section B, relating to the establishment of cemeteries, mausoleums or crematories, so as to provide for the establishment of such cemeteries, mausoleums, or crematories within one mile of the city limits of an incorporated city or town under certain restrictions; and declaring an emergency."

Read and referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

By Senator Holbrook:

S. B. No. 468, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation to be paid out of the General Revenue Fund of the State of Texas the sum of Five Hundred and Sixty-six Dollars and Sixty-five Cents (\$566.65), not otherwise appropriated, to cover rental for vault space in the Austin National Bank, of Austin, Texas, from March 9, 1933, to August 31, 1933; and declaring an emergency."

Read and referred to Committee on Finance.

Senator Excused.

Senator Cousins was excused for the day on account of important business, on motion of Senator Woodul.

Senate Simple Resolution No. 69.

Senator Holbrook delivered to the Senate the following memorial:

In Memoriam

Cone Johnson

Mr. President, and Members of the Senate:

It has been with distressing frequency that we have been called upon of late to review the roster of our illustrious dead; and to hear the plaintive notes that echo from Valhalla's Hall—Adios, Amigo, Hail and Farewell!

We never seem to observe the passing of the throng, until some soul, clothed with the habiliments of sheer greatness, passes on to the shores of light and life eternal. So on last Friday, when the shades of night dimmed the vision of Cone Johnson, the multitudes who knew and loved him declared, there never left the earth a man of nobler build; and that the hosts of evil were never happier, when his sword of righteousness lay broken at the end of a finished career.

I believe it was Emerson who gave expression to the thought that most men who spend their lives in public service, come at last to sleep in a nameless grave; and that it is only given to the few, who by their very manner of living forget themselves into immortality. Encompassed within this narrow margin, the subject of this sketch made a lasting imprint upon the generation in which he moved.

The heritage which he bequeathed to the religious, educational and political forces of the State, will stand as a beacon light for the footsteps of generations yet to come.

Born in Georgia at a time when the fires of civil strife were ablaze in the land, his boyhood was spent during the crucible of events which culminated in a more perfect and more glorious union. His parents were of that sturdy pioneer stock, who even in that time of grinding poverty and political slavery, made opportunity for him to obtain a classical education. He studied at Emory College, and later finished his courses at Peabody College, and at the University of Nashville, before reaching his majority.

This done, the West called him hence, and he journeyed to Tyler, Texas, where he made his great career, and within whose sacred precincts his earthly body awaits the resurrection. Upon his arrival at his adopted home, he secured a position as teacher in the East Texas University. He had already developed an ambition to become a lawyer, and at once commenced night study under the tutelage of Col. W. S. Herndon, one of the ablest members of the Texas Bar.

In 1886, at the age of twenty-two, he was admitted to practice before the Courts in Texas; and from that day until last Friday his fame as a legal practitioner, as a political leader, as an orator with few equals, and as a great citizen, found increase in ever-widening circles. He entered politics early in life, and in 1886 was elected a member of the Twentieth Legislature, where he served one term; at the end of which he was elected to the State Senate, where he served a term.

Without intending to make invidious comparison, there were stalwarts in both the House and in the Senate in those days, as the records will disclose. There were with him in directing the affairs of State such men as Sul Ross, James Stephen Hogg, E. J. Simkins, T. B. Wheeler, Scott Fields, J. W. Cranford, L. A. Abercrombie, Geo. W. Tyler and others of equal renown, whose names are written in unfading glory in the annals of our State's history. It is certain that not only this generation, but those to come after us will accord him a place pre-eminent among these great immortals,

After one term in the Senate, he turned to his chosen profession; and excepting his continued interest in matters political, he served in but two positions of public concern—that of Solicitor General of the United States under Woodrow Wilson, and as a member of the Texas Highway Commission.

During all of the fifty years of his interesting life in Texas, Cone Johnson exhibited a high degree of courage and intelligence in behalf of the welfare of the people of his adopted State; and however one may have differed from him politically, there were none to charge him with dishonor. In his public acts, and in his private endeavor, he always bore that degree of candor which marks a man of true convictions. It was ever the cause that he espoused which interested him most, and he held in his heart no enmity against the man who happened to hold the opposite view.

It fell to his lot to engage in many controversies, which engendered bitterness at the time; and he often lost to opposing views. But when the smoke of battle had cleared, the people for whose cause he chose to fight,

learned that the principles he advocated were for the common good; and that they, themselves, were wrong. He seemed to always ask himself, "Is it right?"; and then go ahead, without regard to consequences. In 1896 he opposed Bryan and adopted the gold standard as his slogan. During Wilson's administration, with Bryan's consent, he became his Solicitor General. At the Baltimore Convention in 1912, he became a dominating figure, and thus secured the nomination and subsequent election of a Democratic President.

During the three years preceding our entry into the World War, he became the Chief Advisor of the Secretary of State, and of the President himself, in all matters pertaining to our position as a neutral nation; thereby keeping us out of the war for a long period of time. Upon his resignation from this post, the President paid him high tribute for his able work as Solicitor General.

In 1888, Roger Q. Mills chose him to lead the anti-prohibition forces of the State in a campaign against prohibition. History tells how well he conducted that campaign. His chief opponent on the stump in that notable contest was the distinguished Joseph Weldon Bailey, who afterward became a leader in the United States Senate, of national renown. For twenty-five years he held to that view, and then strange to say, for the rest of his life he was a leader among the pros, and Bailey at about the same time took up the cudgel for the antis. In that, I am sure he was a consistent as he was persistent; and I know Bailey was. Bailey turned anti when efforts were made to write prohibition into the Federal Constitution—he believed that it was a matter for the States to determine, and not the Federal Government. Both were great men, and worthy of trust in any capacity.

Cone Johnson was a man of stern conviction, and when once he discovered what he believed to be wrong, no power on earth could deter him from pursuing it with an unsheathed sword. For nearly a half century and in nearly every political contest, he boldly proclaimed his views from the rostrums in Texas, and throughout the nation. He had few equals in this line of endeavor, and in his palmy days, I do not recall any who were his superiors. His silver tongue is silent, but there are those among you who can remember with what ease his magic voice could move an audience to laughter, and then to tears. He possessed the logic of an Erskine, and the rhythm and poetic choice of a Rufus Choate.

He was a man who seemingly cared nothing for money, as the term goes: but human happiness in this world was the sum total of his desires. He loved nature in all of its brightest modes, and nothing pleased him more than to hear the music of his hounds as they chased a fox through the deepness of his East Texas wild woods. His partner, the late James Edwards, who preceded him in death exactly a week before, at Tyler, was in a way, of opposite disposition. Edwards loved his workshop, and was a slave to it. He rarely left his desk, while Johnson lived and moved in the open spaces, and among the people he loved so well. Each was great in his sphere, and their passing so near together, like twin stars seen between rifted clouds at midnight, will cause the memory of their lives to light the pathway of those who watched them walk and talk together for more than a third of a century.

Cone Johnson! Lawyer, patriot, orator and friend!—May the fine graces which you bore here find full fruition in the lives of Texas boys and girls who are to come after you.

It is our hope that on some lost field of Asphodels, where birds of Paradise warble their sweetest songs, you will be welcomed as another son come home. May the same courage and fortitude that sustained you on earth be your rod and your staff, as you enter for a period of rest, in that land of eternal sunshine and unfading flowers for which a life of service has made you worthy.

Adios, Amigo, Hail and Farewell!

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of Texas that this simple tribute of our affection be printed on a special page in the Journal, as a mark of our respect for him, whom "We have long loved but lost awhile"—that a copy be mailed to each member of his family, and that when the Senate adjourns for the day, it do so in honor of his memory.

HOLBROOK, FELLBAUM, ONEAL, RUSSEK. PARR, PACE. GREER, SANDERFORD, SMALL, BECK, HOPKINS PATTON. BLACKERT, HORNSBY, POAGE, STONE MARTIN, PURL. WOODRUFF. COUSINS MOORE RAWLINGS. MOODHL DeBERRY, MURPHY. REDDITT. WOODWARD. DUGGAN. NEAL, REGAN.

Read and adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Motion to Reconsider.

Senator Woodul spread on the Journal a motion to reconsider the vote by which S. B. No. 203 was finally passed.

Gavel Presented.

The Chair introduced State Representative Gordon Burns, who presented to the Chair, Lieutenant Governor Edgar E. Witt. a gavel on behalf of the inmates of the Texas Prison System.

The Chair briefly expressed his appreciation.

Bills Signed.

The Chair, Lieutenant Governor Edgar E. Witt, gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read, the following bills and resolutions:

- S. C. R. No. 19. S. C. R. No. 32.
- S. C. R. No. 29. S. B. No. 441.
- S. C. R. No. 22. S. B. No. 442.
- S. C. R. No. 23. H. B. No. 764.
- S. C. R. No. 31.

Message From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, March 20, 1933. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bill:

H. B. No. 807, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for conventions to pass on amendments to the Constitution of the United States which may be now, or may be hereafter, proposed by the Congress of the United States, for ratification by conventions in the several States; setting the time of said elections; prescribing the method of nominating delegates; prescribing the manner and method in which delegates shall be elected to attend such convention; providing the form of the ballot to be used at such election; prescribing certain duties of the public officials of this State with reference to the conduct of such election; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted.

LOUISE SNOW PHINNEY, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

House Bill Referred.

H. B. No. 807 referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Senate Simple Resolution No. 70.

Senator Woodward sent up the following resolution:

Whereas, Former Senator W. H. Bledsoe and his wife are in the city for the day, and,

Whereas, Senator Bledsoe served his district faithfully and well for many years as a member of this body and is regarded by his many friends in the Senate as worthy the confidence and association of his former colleagues and those with whom he did not serve but who are now members of this body; therefore, be it

Resolved, That former Senator W. H. Bledsoe and Mrs. Bledsoe be accorded the privileges of the floor during the day and Senator Bledsoe be invited to briefly address the Senate.

WOODWARD, DUGGAN.

Read and adopted.

Former Senator Bledsoe Speaks.

The Chair appointed Senators Woodward, Duggan, Woodruff, and Russek to escort former Senator Bledsoe to the platform.

The Chair introduced Senator Duggan, who introduced Senator Bledsoe briefly addressed the Senate.

House Bill No. 54.

The Chair laid before the Senate as special order the following bill:

By Mr. Jefferson:

H. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of not less than the general prevailing rate of wages on public works, and not less than the general prevailing rate of wages for legal holiday and overtime work on public works, providing for the ascertainment of such general prevailing rate by the public body awarding the contract, and its insertion in the contract and call for bids for the contract, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The question recurred upon the first pending amendment.

The amendment was lost.

The question recurred upon the second pending amendment.

The amendment was adopted. Senator Fellbaum sent up the following amendments to be printed in the Journal:

Amend H. B. No. 54 in Section 2 of the bill following the words "without a full investigation" and just before the words "by the awarding body," by omitting the following:

'by either the Bureau of Labor Statistics or".

FELLBAUM.

Amend H. B. No. 54 at the end of Section 3 thereof by striking therefrom the words

"and to the chief of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, his officers and

FELLBAUM.

Amend the caption of H. B. No. 54 by striking therefrom the clause:

"providing in case of dispute as to what are prevailing rates same shall be referred to the Commissioner of Labor for discussion."

FELLBAUM.

Adjournment.

Senator Holbrook moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. The motion prevailed and at 12:02 o'clock p. m. the Senate adjourned.

APPENDIX.

Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Committee Room. Austin, Texas, March 17, 1933. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have had S. B. No. 441 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly enrolled.

GREER, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 17, 1933. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have had S. B. No. 442 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly enrolled.

GREER, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 17, 1933. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have had S. C. R. No. 32

carefully examined and compared and find same correctly enrolled. GREER, Chairman,

Committee Room. Austin, Texas, March 17, 1933. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have had S. C. R. No. 31 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly enrolled.

GREER, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 17, 1933. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the

Sir: We, your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have had S. C. R. No. 23 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly enrolled.

GREER, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 17, 1933. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have had S. C. R. No. 22 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly enrolled.

GREER, Chairman.

Committee Room. Austin, Texas, March 17, 1933. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the

We, your Committee on En-Sir: rolled Bills, have had S. C. R. No. 29 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly enrolled.

GREER, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 17, 1933. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have had S. C. R. No. 19 carefully examined and compared, and find same correctly enrolled.

GREER, Chairman.

Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 17, 1933. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 183 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly engrossed.

REGAN, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 17, 1933. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 113 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly engrossed.

REGAN, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 17, 1933. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 273 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly engrossed.

REGAN, Chairman.

Committee Reports.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 20, 1933. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 75, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the occupation and practice of cosmetology; to create a State Board of Cosmetologists for the licensing of persons, firms, co-partnerships, associations, or corporations to carry on and/or to teach such practice, to insure the better education of such practitioners; to provide rules regulating the proper conduct and sanitation of cosmetologists' establishments and schools for the protection of the public health, and to provide penalties for violation thereof; etc."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

HOPKINS, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 20, 1933. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 139, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6229, 6230, 6231, 6232, 6233, 6234, 6235, 6236, 6237, 6238, 6239, 6240, 6241, 6242, and 6243, Title 109, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, providing pension fund for employees of cities and town over ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants

in the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HOPKINS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 20, 1933. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 264, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the appraisal of real estate and improvements situated thereon, if the same is improved property, at the time any character of lien is placed against the same or fixed thereon; and further providing that it shall be the duty of the mortgagee or lender to appraise the same at the time of making any loan or fixing of any lien thereon; which appraisal shall be in writing and noted in the deed, deed of trust, or other instrument evidencing the lien; etc., and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HOPKINS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 20, 1933. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 312, A bill to be entitled "An Act to add to the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas a new article to be known as Article 6479-A, relating to the frequency of freight train service required on railroads in this State and the furnishing of freight cars for loading; and repealing conflicting laws and parts thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HOPKINS. Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 20, 1933. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate. Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 324, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 536 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas to provide that same shall not apply to self-help or credit scrip or other certificates of barter issued during the year 1933, 1934, and 1935 by any incorporated city, town or village, or by any organized chamber of commerce, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HOPKINS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 20, 1933. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 331, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6479 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended by Chapter 198 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, relating to passenger service on railroads, by providing for a relaxation by the Railroad Commission of Texas, under prescribed conditions, of the requirement of one train each day, Sundays excepted."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HOPKINS, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 20, 1933. Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 394, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 838 of Chapter 8, Title 22, Revised Statutes of 1925, requiring all counties, cities, towns, school districts and improvement districts to file annual reports with the State Comptroller relating to their finances, debts, obligations, sinking funds, taxable values and other resources; etc., and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the on Counties and County Boundaries.

Sir: We, your Committee on State recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HOPKINS, Chairman.

FORTY-EIGHTH DAY.

Senate Chamber.

Austin, Texas, March 21, 1933.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Edgar E. Witt.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Beck. Pace. Blackert. Parr. Collie. Patton. Cousins. Poage. Purl. DeBerry. Duggan. Rawlings. Fellbaum. Redditt. Greer. Regan. Holbrook. Russek. Hopkins. Sanderford. Hornsby. Small. Stone. Martin. Woodruff. Moore. Woodul. Murphy. Neal. Woodward. Oneal.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Woodward.

Committee Reports.

(See Appendix.)

Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the rule relating to the introduction of general bills after the first 52 days of the session was suspended and consent was granted to introduce the following bill:

By Senator Cousins:

S. B. No. 459, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating and legalizing the authorization of bonds issued by or on behalf of any county, city, district, or political subdivision of this State for the construction of seawalls; validating the levy and assessment of ad valorem taxes in payment thereof; validating the manner of holding the election, canvassing the returns and declaring the result of such election; and declaring an emergency."

Read and referred to Committee